

Friday 22nd May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that our communication over this week has provided you with additional detail regarding our plans to reopen. Once again, we would like to thank all of the parents who have contacted us to convey their support.

So far this week, our letters have covered the protective steps that we are taking but alongside this you also play a vital role in helping to keep all of our children safe. Please take the time to read the information below and we thank you in advance for your co-operation with these new guidelines.

As you are aware the government has recommended that Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children will potentially return to school in the week starting June 1st. As communicated in the letter sent to you on Wednesday a range of protective measures have been put in place to create safer environments to ensure the safety for all of at Woodside.

On Arrival

On arrival at school it is vital that we all follow the strict social distancing expectations. Each year groups arrival is staggered and we ask parents to ensure that you are standing 2 metres apart outside the school gates.

Each group of children will also have different entrance and exit points. Please refer to the letter sent to you on Thursday 21st May 2020 as to which entrance you enter the building. There will also be visual reminders displayed around the school to aid you and members of SLT will be on the playgrounds to help you.

The main reception office will only permit one parent at a time and we ask that you stand outside the building by the markings placed on the ground. Only enter the building when the Admin team allows you to.

Uniform

The schools uniform is expected to be worn at all times at Woodside with the correct footwear. If your child is unable to do so please let the school office know.

Transport

Please walk or cycle to school and avoid using London transport at peak times as recommended by the government. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

At Home

It is still very important to reduce contact and cross contamination between people as much as possible and you can do this by:

- avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms
- frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices
- regular cleaning of settings
- minimising contact and mixing outside of school
- reminding children not to bring things from home to school.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

As these are very unusual times your child might ask lots questions about what the coronavirus is. There lots of websites that teach this in very child friendly way. Please look at this website with your child <https://www.e-bug.eu/>

Covid-19

Finally, if your child becomes unwell displaying symptoms of Covid, they MUST remain at home, and the household will need to follow the Government's self- isolating guidelines. If your child is unwell at school

- You will be contacted and expected to collect their child immediately.
- Your child will be isolated from other children but looked after by a member of staff.
- The person looking after the child would be wearing personal protected equipment.
- Any child feeling unwell should be kept at home.
- Areas where the child has been based would be thoroughly cleaned and anyone who has been in contact with the child will wash their hands thoroughly.
- Any staff member who is experiencing symptoms will not attend school and will follow government guidelines.

Children who are considered extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding should continue to shield and are not expected to attend school and should continue with their home learning. Children who live in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding should only attend if they are able to understand and follow the strict social distancing guidelines instructions.

As you may be aware, the final decision on whether it is safe to open schools will be made by the government on Thursday 28th May. Following this announcement, we will write to parents again to update you on our position.

Best wishes,

Leadership Team